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Re: Amendment 22

Chairman Hanson and Council Members:

One day I went to work and saw a big ugly trawler. That no good bum was stealing my fish and my future as a small boat fisherman. The rest of the fleet were mad too! We decided to pick a fight with these trawlers and we won. We sent them back to Poland, Russia, Korea, Japan, wherever they came from. We won control of the waters 200 miles off shore.

Now, thirty years later, we have a fleet of US trawlers that think they own the fish that we trollers fought to save. Because of a few US trawlers catch history (and they caught all the fish), I feel like someone stole my piggy-bank!

We did not run the rest of the world's trawlers off our fishing grounds to give this resource to a few US Trawlers.

Please give the trollers of the West Coast at least 6,000 or more pounds open access of ground fish monthly landings. That will make it possible to go for fishing Rock cod and be profitable on a small scale. I think that our money goes further in the small west coast communities than the US trawlers can. I hate that we trollers are faced with having to beg for a slice of the ground fish pie that we fought so hard to save.

Thank you,

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